

# TALES OF THE UNUSUAL

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EVOLVING REINCARNATION: PART 1

WHY WAS I BORN LIKE THIS.

IF IT WERE POSSIBLE, I WISH I COULD BE BORN AGAIN.

IF I COULD, I'D LIVE A REALLY GREAT LIFE.



I WAS JUST SURFING AROUND THE INTERNET WITHOUT  
REALLY PAYING ATTENTION



THAT'S RIGHT- I'M A HUMAN BEING, THE TOP OF THE FOOD CHAIN.



AND YET, FOR SOME REASON I SEEM TO BE  
AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HUMAN WORLD.



NOT ALL LIFE FORMS ARE EQUAL.



I'M A SUPERIOR BEING WHO CAN SQUASH AS  
MANY OF THESE BUGS AS I WANT.



I'VE BEEN JOBLESS FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS SINCE  
I FINISHED UNIVERSITY.  
I'VE BEEN DRAGGING MYSELF THROUGH EACH DAY,  
TELLING MYSELF: "I'LL PULL MYSELF TOGETHER TOMORROW."



I KNOW IT'S PATHETIC, BUT  
I CAN'T BE BOTHERED TO REALLY DO ANYTHING.

THERE ARE A LOT OF WEIRD PEOPLE OUT THERE.,

MAN, I JUST ATE AND  
I'M ALREADY GETTING  
HUNGRY AGAIN.,

GRRR —

A man with dark hair, wearing a white t-shirt and grey pants, is sitting in a black office chair at a desk. He is looking towards the left with a hungry expression. On the desk in front of him is a computer monitor and keyboard. A speech bubble above him says "MAN, I JUST ATE AND I'M ALREADY GETTING HUNGRY AGAIN.," and a sound effect "GRRR —" is written near his stomach.



THEY EVEN HAVE REGULAR MEETINGS HAHA..  
PROBABLY A BUNCH OF LOSERS WITH NOTHING ELSE TO DO,  
I'D PROBABLY BE LIKE ABOVE AVERAGE TO THESE PEOPLE.



WHO'D BE CRAZY ENOUGH TO ACTUALLY GO TO  
ONE OF THOSE MEETINGS?

THE GATEWAY TO LIFE  
186TH MEETING

MURMUR

MURMUR



HE ONLY HAD  
THE MERCEDES BENZ  
FOR A WEEK WHEN  
IT GOT SCRATCHED.



STRANGE, THEY DON'T SEEM TO BE TALKING ABOUT  
ANYTHING RELATED TO THIS MEETING.

HE GOT SICK OF IT SO  
HE GAVE IT TO A FRIEND!



NO WAY!  
I WISH I HAD A FRIEND  
LIKE THAT~ HAHA

IT'S ALL DOCTORS, LAWYERS, CEO'S, STUDENTS  
AT TOP UNIVERSITIES...



EXCUSE ME..

ARE YOU BORED?



AH.. NO..  
THIS IS MY FIRST  
TIME HERE SO..

AH- SO IT MUST BE  
A BIT AWKWARD FOR YOU.



WE HAVE ANOTHER SMALLER  
GROUP IF YOU'D LIKE-  
WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN?

A SMALLER  
MEETING?

WE DO MORE  
PRACTICAL RESEARCH  
ON REINCARNATION...

IF YOU VISIT THIS WEBSITE  
HERE, YOU CAN GET MORE  
DETAILED INFORMATION  
ABOUT WHAT WE DO.

REACH



AH, I SEE..  
SOUNDS COOL..



SEE YOU  
NEXT TIME—

THIS ISN'T SOME  
KINDA CULT OR  
PYRAMID SCHEME,  
IS IT?



WHAT'S  
ALL THIS...

EVOLVING  
REINCARNATION..?



## EVOLVING REINCARNATION

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EACH LIFE FORM PASSES THROUGH VARIOUS STAGES OF EVOLUTION AND REINCARNATION, STARTING FROM MICROORGANISMS ALL THE WAY UP TO HIGHER LIFE FORMS. HUMANS ARE THE ULTIMATE STAGE OF EVOLUTION. WHEN A HUMAN DIES, THEY GO BACK TO NOTHING. IN OTHER WORDS, BEING A HUMAN MEANS THAT THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO LIVE.

HOWEVER, THERE IS A WAY TO CONTINUE LIVING.

WHAT THE HELL IS  
ALL THIS...

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HOWEVER, THERE IS A WAY



MAN... I SHOULDN'T  
HAVE GIVEN HER  
MY NUMBER...

SIGH—

THIS WHOLE THING  
SEEMS FISHY... I'D BETTER  
STAY AWAY FROM  
THEM FROM NOW ON.



THAT GIRL'S  
PRETTY HOT  
THOUGH...









A black and white illustration of a modern building with a sign that says "Café". The building has a large glass facade and a flat roof. There are trees and bushes in front of it.

WELL, SHALL WE  
GET GOING THEN?

AH.. WE'RE NOT  
MEETING HERE?

WE JUST CHOSE  
THIS PLACE BECAUSE IT'D  
BE EASY FOR YOU TO FIND,  
THE REAL MEETING HAPPENS  
SOMEWHERE ELSE.

A black and white illustration of a car driving on a road. The car is a dark color and is moving towards the right. There is a sign on the road that says "VRO - OM".

VRO - OM

WE HAVE OUR OWN  
FACILITIES WE USE

REALLY?  
YOU'VE GOT YOUR  
OWN MEETING PLACE..?

HERE WE ARE!

CREAK





THIS IS WHERE YOU'LL  
HAVE YOUR ENTRANCE  
CEREMONY.



ENTRANCE  
CEREMONY?

HERE'S YOUR PLEDGE-  
YOU'LL HAVE TO  
READ IT OUT LOUD  
AT THE CEREMONY.





To be continued..



AND YOU'RE NOT  
ALLOWED TO SHOW  
IT TO ANYONE ELSE,  
OKAY?

AH,  
ALRIGHT...



WHY DO I HAVE TO  
READ THIS.. SUCH A PAIN..



NOW, BEFORE WE  
START THE CEREMONY..





YOU'LL HAVE TO  
TAKE OFF ALL YOUR  
CLOTHES.

W-WHAT?  
W-WHY  
MY CLOTHES..??



IT'S ALRIGHT,  
WE'LL ALL  
BE NAKED.